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SEMI-ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING: - Our usual fall meeting will be held on Saturday, November 20, 1976, at the Holiday Inn on North Center Street, downtown Stockton, California. The meeting will commence at 12 noon, and may run up until 5 PM. We should have our usual meeting room, but check at the front desk for the location. While there is a certain amount of business to be conducted at this meeting, most of the time is available for collectors to buy, sell and trade tokens and token stories. This meeting is always well-attended, and this year should be no exception. The Delta Coin Club is holding their annual coin show at the same time, so you might want to arrive early (doors open at 10 AM) to search for goodies.

21 OCTOBER 1976: - This has been quite a two-month period for me. Nearly one of the two was spent traveling around the country, to Washington, New York (for the ANA), Massachusetts (to buy a collection of Islamic coins), and to Iola, Wisconsin (for two weeks on the staff of the Standard Catalog of World Coins). Since then, I have been preoccupied with attributing coins I brought back from the East coast, raising some cash, and putting out my 4th price list. But I still can find time for the Ledger!

In this issue, we have contributions from Bob Greenwood and Benj Fauver, whose efforts are most appreciated. But I have no articles in reserve for December, and can use anything you can scribble down. Thanks also to Leon Corpuz for the short notice on the Rawlins medal. I need more short clips too for future issues. Please get out your pens, pencils, inkpots or typewriters, and WRITE!!!

P.S.: Those typing final copy should remember to type copy 67 spaces wide with elite, 56 spaces wide with Pica type. Don't worry about page length, as that is easily adjusted by us with a pair of scissors.

EXONUMIA EXPO IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA: - Word has just been received from Paul Koppenhaver to the effect that there will be a special exonumia section at the Long Beach Coin and Stamp Expo to be held February 17-20, 1977. The bourse table fee is $125 which includes a buffet meal on the evening before opening. If you have not received complete information from Paul, write him at P.O. Box 430, Van Nuys, CA 91408 - DHF

STOCKTON MEETING AGENDA: - Following is a preliminary agenda for the business meeting to be held at the Stockton meeting. While it looks like there are a lot of items to cover, these business meetings are kept short and sweet. Other items may be added to this agenda, but we have to consider at least the following:

1. Secretary-Treasurer's Report
2. Adoption of tax exemption statement for IRS
3. Old Business
   a. Organization name change
   b. Membership token/medal
   c. CNTL Literary Awards
4. New Business
   a. Carson City meeting in August
   b. Long Beach Stamp & Coin Expo
   c. Regional meetings
5. Announcements
   a. Kappen catalogue
   b. Nevada catalogue
   c. Album supplement
   d. Nevada Trade Token Place Names
   e. California Trade Token Place Names
6. Election of officers for 1977
7. Appointments for 1977

Although this is a rather cryptic agenda, perhaps there is enough to start you thinking about some of these things. I should mention that we will have to give consideration to an increase in our dues. - DHF

GREAT HORDE RECORD BOOKS ACQUIRED: - I continue to receive tokens from the large horde of tokens which has been made available to collectors on a gradual basis over the past couple of years now. Recently I obtained another batch of tokens--not very extensive--which will also be available in Stockton along with earlier tokens from the horde. A recent exciting development is that I obtained the record books from 1927-28 which show the locations where slot machines were placed at that time by this particular operator. These records have enabled attributions of additional maverick tokens, and have provided confirmation of some earlier attributions by other means. Other records exist, and I hope to obtain them in the future. For example, I know there is a listing of machine locations for licensing purposes. I also learned recently that additional tokens have been located which have not yet been sorted through. So perhaps we will continue to be able to acquire specimens from that source. On the record books, I am not sure yet of the meaning of the shorthand listings, but it appears that there is a notation for all those locations where tokens were used at that time. - DHF

**********SECRETARY-TREASURER'S REPORT**********
by Hal Dunn

CLOSING BALANCE, 30 JUNE 1976 $556.08

A COMPLETE FINANCIAL STATEMENT WILL BE PREPARED FOR THE DECEMBER ISSUE. SINCE JUNE, EXPENSES HAVE BEEN ABOUT $190, AND INCOME ABOUT $8 WHICH LEAVES A CURRENT BALANCE OF ABOUT $374. EXPENSES OF ABOUT $300 WILL BE INCURRED IN PRODUCING THE TWO FINAL LEDGERS FOR THE YEAR AND FOR THE MEMBERSHIP ROSTER. THUS, AT YEAR END THE TREASURY IS EXPECTED TO BE UNDER $100.

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Letters to the editor

Bicen medal log praised

Congratulations on your attempt to list and record the local issue medals for the American Revolution Bicentennial.

We of the California-Nevada Token Society have been compiling a listing of all the California items and intend to publish our research in the form of a proper catalog early in 1977. Coin World has already mentioned our efforts, though sad to say, not a single inquiry resulted from the article.

We presently have information on some 30-40 city and county issues, but I believe that we have barely learned of half the total.

In addition to the official city and county issues, we have cataloged a couple of dozen private issues by fraternal groups, coin clubs, private individuals, even taverns and from Nevada, one from a house of ill repute.

It is my personal opinion that the REAL numismatic expression of the Bicentennial is to be found in the medals and tokens from persons all over the country, who have been able to express their creativity within the Bicentennial theme, in contrast to the drab issues of the U.S. Mint and the relatively uninspiring issues of the state Bicentennial commissions.

I am therefore most pleased to see Coin World taking an active position in support of this material as part of the Bicentennial heritage.

Stephen Album
Berkeley, Calif.

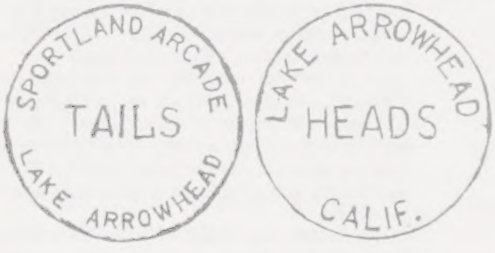
AMUSEMENT/NOVELTY CO. TOKENS LISTING: Member Don Finch (9523 El Cajon St., Ventura CA 93003) makes the following offer: "I have made a 30-page illustrated Xerox listing of my amusement/novelty company token collection. If you want to borrow this listing, I will send it to you if you promise to send it back. If you want to keep it, I will sell you a Xerox copy for $3." And folks, if you have some tokens of this ilk, see Don's classified ad.

= WESTERN STATES TOKENS OF NOTE =

by Duane H. Feisel

It is intended that this column will be a regular feature in the Ledger. What it takes is input from you! When you acquire an exceptional piece, or get information on one, pass along the information to me together with as good a rubbing as you can produce. By consolidating all those small bits into one, I think we will have something very useful and interesting. To make it work, your contributions are needed. Please include information as to exact inscriptions, metal, size and borders.

B 24 b/b
This is the first old token from South Vallejo, and it was obtained by Steve Album.



A 28 p/p
Lake Arrowhead, San Bernardino County, is a new place for California collectors. The piece does not look all that old, and the business is still operating. However, my letter there came back with no reply although the $1 I had sent was returned. So this might end up being a desirable item. I now own this piece as the result of a trade with Clancy Riggs.

A 29 t/t
Clancy Riggs had this token, but I now own it as the result of a trade. Where is Jacktown? And who are Bull Moose & Mormon? Made by LA Rubber Stamp Co., this piece is probably from CA, but could be from some other state. Clancy thought that Jacktown was in his collecting area, but later decided against that. Could Jacktown be a nickname for Jackson, CA? Jamestown, CA, is sometimes called Jimtown.

A 21 t/p
The Casper (Caspar) token came to me on a trade with a collector from the East. This is only the second listed Caspar token, and the first with "Cal."

WM 34 p/p (pc)
Mentioned as a note in the article last issue by Steve Album, this is the only thing known from this Sacramento County location. Note also that the reverse is somewhat different from the others in this series. The piece is cast, rather than struck.

Rev.: Good For 5¢
Diamondfield was located in Esmeralda County, near to Columbia which was just north of Goldfield. Diamondfield only lasted for about four years.

Rev.: Good For 5¢
Hornsilver is also an Esmeralda County location.

A 21 b/b
Eagledale is a new location for Washington token collectors; I am unable to find any mention of Eagledale among my directories and atlases. Steve Album had the token which came to me, and then it went to Clancy Rigas on trade.

Rev.: Good For 1 Cigar
Lida is listed as a place name by Dunn & Feisel, and is in Esmeralda County.

Rev.: Good For 5¢
Nye County is the location of Bonnie Claire.

The obverse rubbings of the Nevada tokens following were sent to me by Jack Haddock. Apparently he now owns all these pieces except for the ones from Lida and Bonnie Claire owned by Bill Metscher. I have no information as to size, metal, borders or reverses. Still, this is a most interesting group of tokens!

Rev.: Good for 12-1/2¢
The site of Olinghouse is Washoe County.

Rev.: Good For 5¢
Vernon was probably located in Pershing County, although the 1914 Bradstreet's lists the location as Humboldt County. Was there a change in county lines after 1914? I see Seven Troughs is also listed in Humboldt County by Bradstreet's.

Rev.: Good For One Drink
Bullfrog is one of those place names that suggests an element of western romance. In Nye County, the location is listed by Dunn & Feisel.

I note there is some discrepancy in locations for some of these places between the "Directory of Geographic Names in Nevada" and the 1914 Bradstreet's Directory for Nevada. For Diamondfield, I found the location in a 1915 commercial atlas--no listing in either of the other two references.

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EXONUMIA AT THE ANA: - One thing nobody will dispute is that New York is THE place to hold the ANA Convention. Over 22,000 people swarmed through the bourse, which boasted 197 dealers and an unforgettable feast of material. The only problem was that the crowds were dense and the aisles narrow, and getting from table to table was often quite unpleasant.

One table, that of Presidential Coin & Antique (Joe Levine, helped out by Dave Schenkman) was strictly exonumia, but several other dealers brought along large selections. The emphasis, as one might expect, was on early US material: Betts medals, Washington pieces, Hard Times and Civil War tokens, rare politicals, 1876 material, inaugurals, etc. There were some better so-called, some transportation, but very little trade checks; almost no Western material was around. I did acquire one nice California token, an unlisted Santa Rosa, which came from a California dealer! Also three nice PPIE pieces, the Mississippi and Tennessee fund dollars and a rare Fraternal Day aluminum looped dollar-size medal. But that was just about all.

A number of exonumia groups held meetings or maintained swap rooms in conjunction with the Convention, that of the Civil War Token Society being most interesting. Their room in the nearby Victoria Hotel was a mecca for token collectors, with big suitcases of material passed around for swaps and sales.

For me, the most memorable event occurred at a friend's house 30 miles away in Stamford CT, where a wasp stung me. Maybe the wasp was trying to tell me that I should not have been off visiting friends while the show was still going on!

Several West Coast members of CANTS were there besides myself: Hal Dunn, Larry Elman, Paul Koppenhaver, maybe a couple more. All in all, it was a fantastic show, one I am happy I did not pass up.

WHAT'S NEW IN EL DORADO COUNTY

By Bob Greenwood

Most collectors of merchant tokens have a special interest in those tokens issued in the area where they live. In my case that is El Dorado County, California. When I first began collecting California merchant tokens I went carefully through the El Dorado County section of Steve Album's book, *Catalogue of California Merchant Tokens*, to familiarize myself with tokens already known to exist. Like most of the Mother Lode, El Dorado County is a tough one to collect. Particularly if one is interested in the older tokens, those issued before 1945.

I was especially interested in the two listings for Georgetown, since that is where I have lived and worked for the past fifteen years. Georgetown will be found in volume one of Album's book, under El Dorado County, code number 35. I have a special interest in the history of California, as most California token collectors do. For over twenty years I have bought and sold books on California history, published over twenty, and collected a lot of material on the history of the state, especially the Georgetown area. The name of R. M. Bissell, which is listed as the first token for Georgetown, was a merchant I'd never heard of.

A B 21 t/t R.M. BISSELL / GEORGETOWN
Good For / 5¢ / In Trade

Album has a photograph of this token, which is a maverick, in his book. I began looking through old directories, registers of voters for El Dorado County, old issues of the *Georgetown Gazette*, trying to find some reference to R. M. Bissell. Nothing. Then I asked some of the old-timers in Georgetown if they remembered the name. None did. That convinced me the Bissell token was not Georgetown, California, but another state, since there are Georgetowns in Washington, Iowa, Kansas, Colorado, and other states. At the regional CANTS meeting on September 12 in Sacramento, Duane Feisel told me he believes the Bissell token is from Georgetown, Washington.

Before I go any further, let me say what I am doing here is by way of providing an erratum to Album's work. I am not faulting his book or carping about it. Album's book is a monument. It is indispensable. Without it most of us who collect California tokens would be shooting in the dark. I don't think I need to say that to bring a catalog like his to completion required a real dedication to the hobby. But I'll say it anyway.

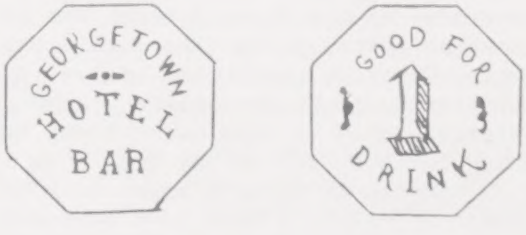
Now. Back to the Georgetown tokens. I looked at the second one listed, a wooden nickel, presumably issued by Donohoo's Pharmacy.

B We 38 n/1 GOOD FOR FIVE CENTS IN TRADE / DONOHOO'S PHARMACY / PH. 378-6338 / GEORGETOWN, CAL. (stock Indian)

Something about it bothered me. The more I thought about it the more bothered I got. First, being a wooden nickel would suggest a fairly modern piece, especially with the telephone number appearing on it: "Ph. 378-6338." In the fifteen years I'd lived in the area I'd never heard of a Donohoo's Pharmacy. As a matter of fact, in all the time I'd lived in Georgetown there hadn't even been a pharmacy (though it does have one now, and needless to say, it isn't called Donohoo's). I started checking Donohoo's out, going through the same process, and found nothing. No one in Georgetown had ever heard of it. I have no doubt the wooden nickel exists. But I'm quite certain it is a fantasy piece. The telephone number that appears on it could never have been for Georgetown, California. Because ever since direct dialing came to Georgetown, about 1968, the prefix has always been 333, *not* 378. And even before direct dialing, when code words were used, during those days when we placed an outside call through the operator, the code was "FEderal-3", which translates into 333. Anyway, the piece is a wooden nickel, and purists don't consider wooden nickels legitimate tokens.

So what had I accomplished? I'd eliminated the only two tokens Album had listed for Georgetown. Now I was faced with the knowledge that no token for Georgetown was known to exist. But there must be one, I thought. Georgetown hadn't been that small a town. Ever since the town began, in 1849, it had supported merchants, hotels, saloons, and in considerable variety. So I started hunting for one. I contacted the old-timers. I made the usual inquiries. Nothing. I was just about ready to get my shovel and start digging in the local dump when I got a lead. Then the lead firmed up into something definite.

But the party who owned the token couldn't find it, maybe it had got lost, no, it's in the house somewhere, give me more time to hunt for it. Finally one day the token passed into my hand, after almost two months of negotiation and cajoling on my part. But it was worth it. Anyone who has found an unlisted token, especially a unique one, knows a special kind of discovery. Try it, you'll like it. Here's a description of the token:



A Oct 24mm. GEORGETOWN / [bow-tie filet] HOTEL / BAR // GOOD FOR / 1 / DRINK

The attribution to Georgetown, California is positive. The Georgetown Hotel was built in 1897 and is a local landmark. It is listed in the directories. Because of the antique typeface used in designing the token, I date it around 1905, perhaps earlier, when the hotel was operated by the Macy family. I have a printed invoice for the hotel from that period, showing the Macys as owners. The token was found in the sub-flooring of the old Graham Building, erected in 1854, one of the first brick buildings in Georgetown, and demolished in 1954. This building was later known as the "Co-op Building." The person who found the token worked on the demolition of the building and fortunately kept the token as a memento. How did the token find its way into the sub-flooring of the Graham Building? Probably someone dropped it and it lodged itself there. Over the years the Graham Building was used as an express office, postoffice, store, etc. You're probably wondering at this point what else the person found who worked on the demolition of the building. I thought of that too. I asked. Just the one token, that's all.

My next objective was to find a token from Slatington, which lies between Georgetown and Placerville. First let me explain that the town is no longer called Slatington. Today it is called Kelsey. Like Georgetown, Kelsey (or Slatington) had its beginnings during the gold rush, and the earliest mining done in that area was in 1849, and the town was called Kelsey. Then in 1903 the name was changed to Slatington because of the discovery of a large deposit of slate near the townsite. A large quarry was developed and the town prospered briefly, until the quarry closed in 1912. The name reverted back to Kelsey. The quarry re-opened in 1916 and the name was again changed back to Slatington. Some sixty or so men were employed at the quarry during that time. Finally the demand for slate slackened off and the quarry closed down, in September, 1920. This time, permanently. The name once again reverted to Kelsey, and it has stuck to this day.

I knew, of course, of the existence of the Pearson's Genl. M'd'se Store token, pictured in Album as ELD 80 B. Album lists two pieces for this merchant, a 25¢ and a $1.00 token. More about this later. I started making inquiries, trying to get a lead on one. One day I spoke to a person who said, "Yes, I've got a Slatington token. It says, 'Good For 1/2 Drink'." Ah, I thought to myself, that sounds interesting. Pearson never put out a token like that. This must be something new. And so it was. An unlisted Slatington token. The person who owned it couldn't make up his mind whether he wanted to sell it. The old horsetrader technique. You run into a lot of that in the Mother Lode. Other places too, I hear. Some people have got it down to a fine art. You've got to have the patience of Job. You talk around things. It's like a game of chess. Strategy.

To make a long story short, I bought the token just as night was falling. We were outside in his yard. Toward the end of the negotiation the light was so dim I could hardly read the wording on the token. The man told me he had unearthed it in the townsite, in back of where the old post-office had stood. The description:

B Rd. 20mm. [around:] J. McGRAWS' SLATINGTON [8 stars in center forming a circle]
GOOD FOR / * 1/2* / DRINK

J. McGraw is listed in the *Great Register of Voters for El Dorado* [illegible], as a resident of Kelsey [or Slatington], [illegible], and of Irish descent. Perhaps he had a little Scotch in him too, which might explain the 1/2 drink, rather than a whole drink.

My next effort fizzled, in part. I'd heard about this person who'd unearthed a few old coins. Ah, I thought to myself, maybe he found some tokens too. After about thirty phone calls to him (he's a horsetrader too) he finally agreed to meet with me. He met me outside the front gate to his house, while a pack of huge dogs inside the front yard snarled at me and showed thousands of white teeth, very sharp. There were about five signs posted on the fence: "Vicious Dogs," "Enter At Your Own Risk," "Trespassers Beware," etc. You'd better believe it.

He lounged against the hood of his Jeep, looking off into the distance, waiting for me to open the conversation. I saw one of his hands was [illegible] probably holding some fabulous token. I thought. After we'd talked about the weather and decided it wasn't likely to rain, I asked to see what he'd found. He opened his palm and I saw three pieces. One was a beat-up old nickel. Big deal. Another was an old soap token so crusty you could hardly make it out. But the third piece. That was something else. Another unlisted Slatington token, in fairly nice condition, one in the Pearson series, the 50¢ good-for. I made him an offer I thought he couldn't refuse. But he did. After all, I'm not the Godfather. But I'm still working on it. Maybe one of these days. Who knows?

But it does confirm the existence of the 50¢ good-for in the Pearson series. Something worth knowing in itself. I suspect Pearson put out a set of tokens. If he did, the 5¢ and the 10¢ tokens have yet to be discovered. In my opinion the Pearson tokens are among the most attractive of all California tokens. To own a complete set of them would be a collector's dream. And they are rare. Take my word for it.

I hope I haven't given the impression I spend most of my time scouting for tokens, or that it's easy to do. I don't, and it isn't. I haven't the time, for it takes a lot of time to develop leads and run them down. I haven't mentioned the efforts that led to nothing at all. For every successful effort there may be as many as fifteen or twenty that go nowhere. It takes time and a lot of dedication. But that's what makes token collecting the fascinating hobby it is.

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PLEASE SEE THE INFORMATION ON THE FOLLOWING PAGE WHICH SUPPLEMENTS THIS ARTICLE.

= NOTES ON EL DORADO COUNTY TOKENS =
by Duane H. Feisel

The fine article preceding by Bob Greenwood on his good fortunes in seeking tokens from El Dorado County has stimulated me to search through my business directories in hopes of finding information to supplement what Bob has offered.

First, on the Bissell token from Georgetown. Although the piece is from Georgetown, I think the state is Washington, and not California. Several years ago, George Gould suggested that based on some directory listing he had located; however, George never supplied me with specifics. Noting the rubbing of the Bissell token included with Bob's article, you will see that the style is typical of the company which made many State of Washington trade tokens, and not at all like any of the California manufacturers. Although the 1905 Bradstreet's Directory lists merchants for Georgetown (located four miles from Seattle), the Bissell name does not appear. In the 1920 Dun's Directory, there is a listing under Seattle (Georgetown is not listed in any fashion) for the Bissell Lumber company. This is not conclusive evidence, but I feel sure the token must be from Georgetown, WA, and not Georgetown, CA.

The original name for Kelsey/Slatington was Kelsey; a post office was established there in 1856. In 1903, the post office name was changed to Slatington, but it was changed back to Kelsey in 1920. This information was taken from Frickstad's book on California post offices.

In the 1905 Bradstreet's directory, under Slatington is found "James McGraw, saloon" and "Wm. Pearson, mfr. soda water." In the 1914 Bradstreet's, neither Kelsey or Slatington are listed, while the 1915 Dun's directory under both names says "See Placerville." From this information, it would appear that both the McGraw and the Pearson tokens date from about 1903 to 1914. However, Pearson is listed under Placerville in 1914 and 1915, while the 1920 directory has a listing for the estate of Pearson.

In my 1954 and 1955 directories, there is no listing under Georgetown for Donohoo's Pharmacy. I wonder if there was an error made in the state name on the token (that wouldn't be the first time that has happened) or whether the item is a fantasy?

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MEMBERSHIP ROSTER: - The new CANTS membership roster, published each two years, is expected to be ready for distribution at the meeting in Stockton. Those who do not pick up a copy at that time will receive it through the mail in due course.

EVALUATING TOKEN CATALOGUES

Benj Fauver

The second catalogue to be evaluated is:

A. [illegible], 1976 Catalogue of Canadian Coins, Tokens and Paper Money, token section, 55 pages.

The evaluation is in thirteen parts, one for each of the thirteen criteria.

1. Several sentences of historical explanation accompany most of the pieces listed. Free use was made of the 1894 edition of [illegible]. In may instances, Breton's notes are copied verbatim.

2. Reading between the lines, one can infer that Charlton is attempting to list primarily the tokens issued prior to 1858 which were struck to be used as a medium of exchange in what is today Canada. Generally, post-1858 tokens listed slavishly correspond to those included by Breton.

3. Perhaps to complete the Hudson Bay Company listing, tokens struck for use in some of the posts of that company as late as the 1940's are included. Charlton failed to include those tokens used by the Hudson Bay Company in Onion Lake, Saskatchewan, however. Probably the greatest void left by Charlton is his failure to draw from Howland Wood's excellent work on Canadian blacksmith tokens, which appeared in The Numismatist in 1910. Breton 998 (Charlton 234) is one example of this type of token.

4. Charlton followed Breton's sequence but added numbers or subletters in his numbering system to incorporate varieties mentioned by Breton. Additional subletters will have to be added to include any new discoveries.

5. Breton listed pieces by die, muling, and composition, in cases where more than one composition was known to him. Charlton followed this same procedure. However, a number of minor die varieties as listed by E.G. Courteau and R.W. McLachlan were not included by Charlton.

6. Charlton repeats Breton's comments regarding the existence of restrikes of jetons struck for the French Colonies in America (Breton 510-519) and of oval "o" restrikes of Copper Company of Upper Canada pieces (Breton 721-722), together with Breton's warnings about known countefeits of #560 (Charlton #35), the Lauzon Ferry token, and of Bouquet Sou #689 (Charlton #71a). However, he failed to repeat Breton's remarks about known restrikes of #954 (Charlton 192), the Newfoundland 1858 ship token.

7. No detailed keys to identification are provided. Breton's cumbersome system of classifying Bouquet sous by counting the number of leaves in the wreath and noting major differences in the bouquets is partially reproduced.

8. An east-to-use reference to Breton numbers is provided. However, no cross reference is made to Le Roux's extensive token listing in Canadian Coin Cabinet, published in 1892.

9. Excellent photographic plates are included of nearly all pieces listed.

10. A brief half-page index is included.

11. No attempt was made to add a rarity scale. With some alterations, the rarity scale together with estimates and comments regarding number of pieces issued as assessed by Breton could have been incorporated by Charlton.

12. Charlton's retail values appear to be generally in the right ballpark if one keeps in mind one important consideration. The term "extremely fine" refers to a higher grade piece in Canadian grading--as in British grading--than it normally does in grading as practiced in the States. Consequently, if one is grading Canadian tokens as one would grade U.S. coins, it is wise to deduct approximately one grade before using Charlton's retail values, with the exception of uncirculated pieces.

13. Very little information regarding die sinkers is provided.

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The third catalogue to be evaluated is:

GEORGE FULD & MELVIN FULD, Patriotic Civil War Tokens, Racine, Whitman Publishing Company, 1965 (Third Revised Edition). 77 pp.

1. Excellent background information on the series is provided in an extensive introduction.

2. The Fulds define the scope of their work as covering metal pieces struck as a medium of exchange between late 1862 and extending through early 1864, which bear no advertising in reference to a particular firm or product of a specific company. Following a precedent established by earlier cataloguers of the series, however, a number of pieces struck during 1861 and before late 1862 are included.

3. The Fulds' catalogue draws on all relevant earlier works known to this reviewer and constitutes the most extensive listing of this series published to date. The only major publicly accessible collection not directly catalogued and not included in the listing is that of the American Numismatic Society in New York City.

4. A very flexible numbering system is use. Rather than give a separate number to each muling and metal variety, the Fulds gave a number to each known die. Individual pieces are then described by two numbers, one for the obverse die and one for the reverse die, with metal varieties being designated after the die numbers. To quote, "most new varieties that have and will continue to be found ... will either be metal variations or new combinations of presently known dies. Thus, there will be no

disordering of coins, when new varieties are added unless a new die is discovered, and it can be referred to as an "A" variety of the die most closely resembling it."

5. Varieties are listed by die, muling, composition, type of strike if incuse or struck over another token or coin, size, and edge detail.

6. On the subject of restrikes, simulated dies, and speculative mulings, the Fulds have the following to say: "The early collectors of Civil War tokens during and immediately following the War wanted rare varieties for their collections. Since the pieces were not of an official nature in the first place, various collectors caused to be made many varieties of these tokens in metals other than copper; viz., brass, nickel, German silver, copper-nickel, white metal, silver, and lead. However, many of these off-metal variations had to have been struck previous to the striking of the regular copper issue for general circulation as can be shown by die breaks. Thus it is difficult at best to decide which of the off-metals belong with the series, and which do not."

7. Extensive and detailed keys to identification are provided in the Appendix.

8. Cross references to Hetrich and Guttag identification numbers are provided in the text. A table is also included which compares Hetrich and Guttag die numbers with Fuld die numbers.

9. Sharp photgraphic plates are included showing all of the dies listed except three. Plates XX and XXI showing enlargements of dies 6, 6A, 6B, 6C, 7, 7A, 7B, and 8 are especially helpful in pinpointing the minor differences between these dies.

10. No index to inscriptions appearing on the tokens is provided. However, the grouping together of similar dies in the photographic plates offers a very useful photographic index.

11. A rarity 1 (greater than 5000 known) to rarity 10 (unique) scale has been applied by the Fulds to every piece listed. Today, in 1976, probably fewer than 5% of the rarity estimates need major revision.

12. A very realistic retail valuation scale (for the year of publication, 1965) is given.

13. The die sinkers of most of the pieces listed are identified. Considerable research underlay this effort.

HERE AT LAST: The long awaited catalogue of US sales tax tokens and related items is in press at last. Published by Scorpion Press (Youngstown NY), the new volume by CANTS members Mike Pfefferkorn and Jerry Schimmel will contain about 300 pages, listing all kinds of state, local, and private issues, in metal, plastic, and paper. Years of research have gone into its production. Pre-publication price is $16.25 postpaid. For ordering instructions, see the classified ad section in this issue of the Ledger.

= BURSTING THE BUBBLE ON RIO TINTO MINE, NEVADA =
by Duane H. Feisel

A maverick token which has been around for a long time is described as follows:

PLAND / EVANS / PATRICK & M.K. CO.
B 24 t/t Good For / 25¢ / In Trade

Carrying the signature it does dates the token after February 1, 1930, when Patrick consolidated the Moise-Klinkner operation with their own through purchase.

Several months ago, a Nevada collector (I believe it was Len Hoskins) found a listing in a telephone directory for Pland Evans at Rio Tinto Mine, Nevada. So it looked like this would be a desirable token for the Nevada people.

From time to time, I like to browse through my directories, California especially, late at night in hopes that I will be able to attribute something in maverick tokens. In the 1930 Dun's, I stumbled across a listing under San Francisco for "Pland-Evans, commissary contractors (also branches)." Checking the 1930 Polk's San Francisco city directory, there is no listing for Pland-Evans; at the same time, however, Patrick and Moise-Klinkner are given separate listings suggesting that this directory was put together in 1929 but dated 1930 when it was published (something to remember when we use city directories to establish dates). The 1931 Polk's SF directory does carry a listing for Pland-Evans as a commissary service. There is no listing for Pland-Evans in 1932, but in 1933 through 1944 listings occur as either "commissary service", "commissary contractor" or "boarding contractor." In the 1945-46 directory, Pland-Evans is listed as an employment agency, while Pland's is listed as "operators of restaurants and industrial subsistence facilities."

The Pland Evans token should properly be listed under San Francisco, although it could have been used at any of the locations where the company operated.

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WYOMING BICENTENNIAL MEDAL

Leon Corpuz

An antique bronze medal, struck by the Providence Company, is available through member Leon R. Corpuz, Jr., P.O. Box 374, Sinclair WY 82334. The medal commemorates the centennial of Rawlins, Wyoming, and the bicentennial of the United States. On one side of the medal the wording WYOMING TERRITORY / 1876 / RAWLINS / CENTENNIAL appears. A horse with the rider overlooking a stream in the sunset depicts General Rawlins viewing a spring which was named after him by General Grenville Dodge, during the construction of the Union Pacific Railroad. The reverse side shows an eagle with crossed flags and has the wording UNITED STATES OF AMERICA / 1776 / 1976 / BICENTENNIAL.

One thousand bronze medals were struck and 250 in silver. The silver medals are no longer available. The bronze variety is still to be had for $3.50. The medal measures 38 mm. in diameter.

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METCA REVIVAL?: - I have heard a rumor that METCA will be revived starting January 1977 by two of our members from the Pacific Northwest. I hope that this is true--the more things going in token collecting the better for all of us. Perhaps there will be specific information available for the next issue of the Ledger. - DHF

CHRISTMAS GIFT-PACKS: - Let's try something different to close out the year. With the December issue of the Ledger will be sent an envelope containing items given by our members for distribution to all our members. These items should be something in the exonumia line. So far, we already have contributions from myself and from John Nicolosi. If you wish to contribute something and have your name listed as such, we will need 175 of the item to cover our mailing list. These items can be given to me in Stockton, or sent to me through the mail. Let's see what can be made of this idea. - DHF

CURRENT STATUS OF THE CANTS BICENTENNIAL PROJECT: I can now report that the project is creeping along slowly. The questionnaire mailed to local Bicentennial commission chairpersons was mailed out during the months of June, July, and August, and by now, somewhat over 100 responses have been received, representing about 40% response, somewhat poorer than hoped for. City issues are now reported from Willows, San Bernardino, Oceanside, Carlsbad, Fresno, Porterville, Santa Cruz, Palo Alto, Sunnyvale, Cupertino, Oakland, Hayward, San Francisco, Millbrae, San Mateo, Downieville, Coloma, Downey, Carson, Bell Gardens, Auburn, Garden Grove, Placentia, Mountain View, Vallejo, Napa, Benicia, Vacaville, Fort Ross, Thousand Oaks, and Sunland/Tujunga.

County issues are reported from Yuba, Calaveras, Marin, and Kern counties.

Coin club medals with Bicentennial themes include the San Bernardino Coin Club, Visalia Coin Club, Cupertino Coin Club, Sacramento Valley Coin Club, Delta Coin Club (Stockton), California State Numismatic Association, Fresno Numismatic Society, Jamboree West 1976, Santa Cruz Coin Club, San Jose Coin Club, Newark Coin Club, CANTS, and the Northern California Numismatic Association.

A small number of private issues are reported, in addition to the extensive series produced by the Patrick Mint, and a smaller number issued through Duane Feisel.

IMPORTANT: If you know of any issues not included in the lists above, please let me know as soon as possible. The December issue will contain the final progress report. January 1 will probably be the cut-off date for new inclusions.

HELP!!!!!! The cities of Montebello and Azusa are rumored to have issued medals, but I have no contact in either. Could someone local please check them out (try calling City Hall or C/of/C).

SEPTEMBER MEETING IN SACRAMENTO: - A goodly number of collectors gathered at the home of Ron and Anita Lerch in Sacramento on Sunday, September 12. The meeting started early and lasted late as much activity took place in buying, selling and trading tokens. Those attending included Grover Davis, Jere Runciman, J. L. McPheeters, Newton D. Baird, Bob Greenwood, Bill Williges Jr., Dan Jacobson, Frank Earl, Jim Rasmussen, John Reynolds, James P. Wosnuk, Duane H. Feisel and Ron Lerch. This was the first meeting of CANTS for Grover Davis, and he brought along his collection for those present to drool over. There were numerous rarities in California trade tokens in addition to an almost complete representation of mark pennies from Masonic lodges in California. Also attracting attention were the extremely rare and interesting paper items which Ron Lerch has gotten into of late including such things as letter sheets (one of which carries the letter describing activities in one of the early gold camps), books, directories, postcards, lithographs, maps, etc. I know that I came away from that meeting with a better appreciation for a variety of Californiana. - DHF

WILL TRADE

for California or Nevada

LAST CHANCE/SALOON/E.BONTI, PROP./JACKSON,/CAL./GF5¢IT/rd.,br.
LAST CHANCE/SALOON/E.BONTI, PROP./JACKSON,/CAL./GF10¢IT/rd.,al.
[illegible]
F. COWEN / OLETA, CALIF. / GF 12½ IT / rd., al.
D LADOUCEUR / MERCED / CAL. / GF 1 Drink / rd., wm
A.E. ELSBREE / CIGAR / STORE/ SONORA, CAL. / GF 10¢ IM/ rd., br.
SAMUEL JOHNSTON/523 GOLDEN GATE AVE. S.F./2½¢/HUNT'S BONDED
WHISKEY/3rd & Townsend St. S.F./ No Blend/Whatever/rd.,bi.
FARMER'S HOME/SALOON/OAKDALE,/CAL./ GF 10¢ IT / rd., br.
[illegible]
CAL./L A Rub Stamp Co / GF 10¢ Drink / rd.,br.
I.B. KEELER / LATHROP / GF One Drink / rd., br.
[illegible]
MISSION TAVERN/ MERCED, CALIF./ GF 10¢ IT/ sq., br.
[illegible]
STORE/ GF 5¢ IT/ rd., wm (Tracy, Cal.)
[illegible]

SACRAMENTO / SALOON / CARSON CITY, NEV. / 5¢ IT / rd., br.
[illegible]
(Holed - from one of the famous Nevada token bracelets)
TABOR / ROUND MT. / NEV. / GF 12½¢ IT / oval, br.
[illegible]
BURNS / & / DORTCH / EAST ELY, / NEV. / GF 12½¢ IT / rd., br.
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
TURF SALOON / MILLERS, / NEV. / GF 6¼¢ IT/ rd., br.
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
H.B. JOHNSTON DRUG CO. / [illegible], NEV., GF 10¢ IT / rd., br.
[illegible]
HOTEL MASON/MASON,/NEV./PATRICK & CO. S.F./ blank / rd., br.
H.E. STEBBINS / EAST / ELY / NEV. / GF 5¢ IT / rd., br.

[illegible]. JOLLY / WAKITA / O.T. / GF 5 IT / Oct., al.

[illegible]. McPheeters, 472 W. Monterey Ave., Stockton, Ca. 95204

**********CLASSIFIED ADS**********

WANTED TO BUY OR TRADE: Merchant tokens from Wyoming and Colorado. Have many western tokens for trade.

Leon R. Corpuz, Jr. P.O. Box 374 Sinclair WY 82334

NEVADA TOKENS WANTED: I have cash money or traders from California Mother Lode, including an unlisted Floriston, or traders from Nevada towns like Copper Basin, Fernley, Rhyolite, McDermitt, etc. Need especially Wonder, Moapa, Cobre, Elburz, Palisade, Belmont, etc.

Jack Haddock P.O. Box 7544 Reno NV 89502

I will pay $3 for any token from an amusement company new to my collection (one per company). The words "Amusement" or Novelty Co." must appear as a part of the issing firm's name.

Don Finch 9523 El Cajon St. Ventura CA 93003

COLOMBIA, Leper Colony coins, 6 pieces $4. Some quite worn. Cf. Krause/Mishler page 281.

Dan Jacobson Box 7101 Sacramento CA 95826

TOKENS AND MEDALS for trade or sale - merchant, military, advertising, foreign, etc. Many rare pieces. Send 25¢ for 21-page list.

Stephen Alpert 11106 National Blvd. Los Angeles CA 90064

TRADE FOR MISSOURI tokens: J.O. McBride / Bank / & / Store / Fixtures / Jacksonville, Fla. Rev: swastika, etc., Round brass, old

Littlefield 4841 Hannover St. Louis MO 63123

ARIZONA: I have a list of good Arizona trade tokens that I would like to exchange for Nevada tokens.

W.V. Wright 220 So. Bruce Las Vegas NV 89101

GENUINE NEVADA BAWDY HOUSE Bicentennial medal. Fran's Star Ranch, Beatty NV. Rated three-star. It's a tricky business! Only known Bicentennial brothel medal. Dollar size. Antique bronze. Only $10 postpaid.

Williges P.O. Box 445 Wheatland CA 95692

CATALOG OF U.S. SALES TAX TOKENS. Still available at pre-publication price of $16.25 postpaid. Nearly 300 pages, due out late 1976.

M.G. Pfefferkorn P.O. Box 2829, Carondelet Sta. St.Louis MO 63111

WANTED: Any tokens, money, or currency pertaining to Utah or the Mormons. Would prefer to purchase but have some trade stock.

D.L. Freed, P.O. BOX 2009 Salt Lake City UT 84110

WANTED TO BUY: IOWA merchant tokens. Interested in Eastern Iowa in particular. No moderns. Quote whatever IA you have, giving information on token, condition.

Newt Baird P.O. Box 455 Georgetown CA 95634

NEED FOR COLLECTION - California MEDALS, so-called collars, anniversary items, good luck items, coin club medals, etc., will buy or trade.

Stephen Album P.O. Box 4039 Berkeley CA 94704

Need 14 bicentennial medals issued by GULL GASOLINE in WA, OR & ID and mounting board if one exists. Will trade a Long John Silver's or other advertising token for each different.

J.W. Baum 3113 N. Arkansas Av Wichita KS 67204

Have many NEVADA TOKENS, common to rare, for trade. My list for yours. Also have early NV stock certificates & checks for trade or sale, write for list.

William J. Metscher P.O. Box 664 Tonopah NV 89049

**********CLASSIFIED ADS**********

TRADE FOR MISSISSIPPI TOKENS: Atwood CA 650 A; W. H. Joy, Campbell, ME, br, 5¢; Oxford, Omak, WA, br, 5¢; A.Y.P. Cigar Stand, Spokane, WA, br 5¢; Finan's Pinochle Club (Spokane, WA), br 5¢.
G.P. Chatham 813 W. Gresham St. Indianola, MS 38751

ENCASED CENT TOKENS, custom minted, now available in addition to the other types of tokens and medals I can supply. Please inquire for information if you are interested.
Duane H. Feisel P.O. Box 1302 Los Altos, CA 94022

NEVADA TRADE TOKENS WANTED. Will trade CA, OR, WA, UT, AZ, CO, ID or NV for pieces I need.
Bill Wright 220 S. Bruce St. Las Vages, NV 89101

ARKANSAS & CALIFORNIA TOKENS WANTED, will buy or trade. I have tokens to trade of AR, CA, CO, ID, IL, IN, KS, KY, MD, MN, MO, MT, NV, NM, OR, PA, VA, WA, WV, WI, WY.
Charles V. Kappen 2201 Peachtree Ln. San Jose, CA 95128

GOOD FOR ONE TUNE, FOR ONE PIECE OF MUSIC, GOOD FOR THE PIANO and similar nickel-size tokens wanted. These were once used in coin operated pianos. Also want tokens pertaining to music boxes. I collect these personally and welcome any offers or correspondence.
Q. David Bowers Bowers & Ruddy Galleries
6922 Hollywood Blvd., Suite 600 Los Angeles, CA 90028

NEVADIANA WANTED: Postmarks, checks, stock certificates, newspapers, books, documents, souvenir spoons, tokens, medals, maps, photographs, national currency, plates; just about anything old marked "Nevada."
G.A. Schmidtman Rt. 1, Box 371 Mentone, CA 92359

EACH MEMBER IS ENTITLED TO ONE FREE SIX-LINE AD EVERY ISSUE, BUT A DIFFERENT AD MUST BE SUBMITTED EACH TIME. YOUR AD SHOULD BE ON A SEPARATE PIECE OF PAPER, AND NOT PART OF A LETTER. PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR ADS TO THE EDITOR AS FAR IN ADVANCE OF PUBLICATION DEADLINE AS POSSIBLE.

KAPPEN CATALOGUE COMING: -After the long wait for this catalogue, I wasn't sure whether to use a ? or ! after the title. Hal Dunn reports that at the TAMS meeting during the ANA Convention in NYC, the TAMS Book Editor indicated that they should be ready to start taking orders for the catalogue in December. Presumably, order information will be presented in the TAMS Journal. Charlie tells me that he now has almost 2,000 listings new since he turned over the manuscript to TAMS in 1975. Apparently the entire catalogue will appear in a single volume of about 875 pages; the manuscript submitted by Kappen was about 1100 pages. - DHF

= CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS =

November 20--Semi Annual CANTS Membership meeting, Holiday Inn, North Center St., Stockton, CA., noon to 5 PM.

November 21--Bay Area Token Society meeting, home of Bud Carmichael, 1331 Hanchett Ave., San Jose, Cal., noon to 5 PM. All token collectors invited.

December 15--Copy deadline for the December issue

February 17-20--Long Beach Coin & Stamp Expo, Long Beach, CA

August--AVA Annual Convention, Carson City, NV; Hal Dunn, Chairman

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